

# Road to the Constitution Timeline

April 19, 1775- Revolutionary War begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord.



June 1776- Thomas Jefferson drafts the Declaration of Independence.

1760s and early 1770s- King George III and Parliament pass a variety of acts taxing the American colonies.

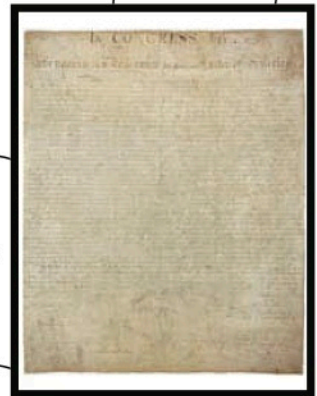
June 1775- The Continental Congress creates a continental army and appoints George Washington commander-in-chief.

October 19, 1781- British General Cornwallis surrenders to General Washington at Yorktown.



The Continental Congress begins working to create a central government.

July 4, 1776- The Continental Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence.



March 1, 1781-March 4, 1789- The Articles of Confederation govern the new nation.

May - September 1787- The Constitutional Convention meets at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.



September 17, 1787- The delegates sign the **CONSTITUTION!**